

NCH Volunteer Huddle

The Hands that Make a Difference are the Hands of a Volunteer

December 2025



December 1

Margaret M. - NCHHHA

December 4

Vicky B. - WMC

December 6

Brad W. - AVH

December 9

Michael J. - NCHHHA

December 24

Carol H. - WMC

December 26

Elaine B. - AVH

December 28

Denise G. - WMC



1 Year

Christopher D. - AVH

Mona L. - AVH

9 Years

Pam C. - AVH

Denise G. - AVH

Olivia L. - AVH

Joanne M. - AVH

Ann N. - AVH

Jane P. - AVH

12 Years

Amanda B. - AVH



NCH Holiday Cheer Theme Week

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Monday:
Candy Cane Day

Dress in red and white!

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Tuesday:
Deck the Halls of NCH

Wear your favorite holiday accessories!

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Wednesday:
Go Mad with Plaid

Wear your favorite plaid!

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Thursday:
Holiday Character Day

Dress as your favorite holiday character (ex: Buddy the Elf) or celebrate your holiday cheer as you see fit!

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Friday:
Ugly Sweater Day

Get that sweater out of the back of your closet and show off the ugly!

Note to Hospice Volunteers

Do you know what to do in case of an emergency while visiting a hospice patient? If you enter the home of a hospice patient and find them on the floor, fainted, or has taken a turn for the worse while on your visit, your first step is to call NCHHHA. By calling this number, you will be connected with the office/triage where you will get support from a nurse. Someone is available to answer your call 24/7. If you have the number for the caregiver or next of kin, please call them as well. You should not call 911 unless instructed to by the hospice nurse.

NCHHHA: 603-444-5317

Meet The NCH Volunteers:

Each month we will be highlighting one or more volunteers from NCH.



Meet Louise Force. Louise has played many roles in her 17 years as a volunteer for Weeks Medical Center. She has volunteered in Rehab, Customer Service, and the gift shop, as well as been a part of the Family Support team and Auxiliary. These days, Louise can be seen running back and forth between Oncology, the lab, and the pharmacy. When at home, Louise also volunteers her time making prayer shawls / lap blankets for WMC inpatients.

Why do you Volunteer?: Louise said that she volunteers to keep active and social while, hopefully, making a difference.

Hobbies/Skill/Interest: Louise loves to crochet, do puzzles and play word games.

Fun Fact: Louise loves pigs. Though she doesn't have any live pigs, she has plenty of decorative ones.

Prior Work: Louise's background and career was in accounting which she did for her whole life.

Family: Louise and her husband have two children, six grandchildren, and two great granddaughters, all who have made her very proud.

Holiday Fun Fact:

Coca-Cola played a part in Santa's image. Santa wasn't always the jolly man in red. Older depictions of Santa from the early 1900s depicted him more sternly, and there wasn't a standardized "look" for his appearance. The classic image of a happy and plump Santa that we all know today came in part from Coca-Cola ads, drawn in 1931 by illustrator Haddon Sundblom.



Congratulations to Vicky Bailey, WMC, and Pamela Carrier, AVH, for winning the Thanksgiving Trivia in last months Huddle Newsletter. The initial title of the the famous holiday song that was originally written for a Thanksgiving church service is One Horse Open Sleigh, known better today as Jingle Bells.

Events:

- December 3:** Santa visit AVH - All children & grandchildren of NCH/AVH Employees & AVH Ambassadors are invited to enjoy a visit with Santa. Time: 4pm -5pm in the AVH Cafeteria.
- December 5:** 20th Annual Home Health and Hospice Gala at Omni Mount Washington Resort and Spa.
- December 7:** Photos with Santa at Weeks Medical Center. Located in the Lancaster Patient Care Center Lower Level Conference Room. Open to the public. One free picture per child.
- December 8:** AVH Ambassadors Christmas Memory Tree Lighting Ceremony-An Annual Remembrance of Family Members and Friends, 4pm in the AVH Cafeteria.
- December 8:** AVH Ambassador Christmas Party in Mt. Success following the Tree Lighting Ceremony.
- December 15:** New Volunteer Orientation at NCHHHA - Know of anybody interested in volunteering? This session will introduce them to NCH's mission, policies, and volunteer opportunities. Note: this event is open to all interested in volunteering at North Country Healthcare , and is not site specific.

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